I WONDER WHAT THE MEANING OF LIFE IS...

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HAA...

A SUDDEN DAZE.. WHAT HAS HAPPENED TO TORA?

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WELL, THIS MORNING...

SO, WHAT HAPPENED TO TORA?

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But...

A kiss...

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After today's battle, I...

No, I need to concentrate.

I need win a lot and raise my ranking.

Kotori-chan, was it?

Wouldn't you say your little sister is in the perfect season for picking?

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KOTORI.

AH.

YES?

LET'S BOTH DO OUR BEST FOR TODAY'S BATTLE!

Eh?

DON'T TALK TO PEOPLE YOU DON'T KNOW, OKAY?

EVEN IF THEY TALK TO YOU,

I'M SERIOUS.

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WHAT ARE YOU SAYING WITH SUCH A STRAIGHT FACE?

DO YOU UNDER-STAND?

IN OUR WORLD...

YOU'RE THE FOOL, TORA.

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YOU'RE SERIOUSLY MAKING A FOOL OF ME, AREN'T YOU?

THERE ARE MANY STRANGE PEOPLE WHO LOVE NOTHING MORE THAN FLAT GIRLS.

WELL, I'M SORRY

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FOR HAVING A STRANGE BODY!!

UM,

I'M GENUINELY WORRIED ABOUT YOU...

THAT'S FINE!!

Brother ...

Is treating me like a child that much fun for you?

I...

I HATE YOU!!

...AND THAT'S WHAT HAPPEN-ED...

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Is this that sense of security you get from knowing that there's someone out there who's more miserable than you?

I can't get enough~!

I'D DIE IF KOTORI-CHAN SAID SOMETHING LIKE THAT TO ME...

WHY...

WHY AM I EVEN ALIVE?

.....

IT LOOKS LIKE KOTORI-CHAN WON THE PSYCHOLOGICAL BATTLE WITH EASE.

NOW, THERE'S NO TELLING WHO'LL WIN THE REAL FIGHT.

Jeez...

You're so soft when it comes to Kotori-chan...

ALL RIGHT THEN...

I'M GOING TO CHECK ON KOTORI-CHAN.

HUH? WHERE ARE YOU GOING?

LOOK AT THAT CROWD...

I GUESS THE REPRE-SENTATIVE BATTLES REALLY DO DRAW MORE ATTENTION.

LOOKING DOWN AT THIS VIEW...

YOU COULD SAY THAT THIS SCHOOL IS THE CENTER OF THE ENTIRE WORLD...

PLUS THE TOP BRASS OF THE BIG FOUR PLUTOCRATS ARE PROBABLY WATCHING.

YEAH.

EVEN THE PRESIDENTS AND PRIME MINISTERS OF COUNTRIES COME HERE IN SECRET TO ENJOY THE FIGHTS.

THAT'S NOT QUITE CORRECT, FELICE.

THIS ISN'T THE CENTER.

THIS IS THE WORLD.

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MEM-
BERS OF
<RHO>,

HOW ARE
YOU ALL?

NOTHING
IN PAR-
TICULAR,
BUT...

OH,
STUDENT
COUNCIL
PRESI-
DENT,

.....

WHAT
BRINGS
YOU HERE,
DESPITE
YOUR BUSY
SCHEDULE?

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AND WHAT MIGHT THAT BE?

SO I'M HERE TO SEE IF IT'S TRUE.

I DID HEAR A STRANGE RUMOR,

I CAME ACROSS A CRAZY JOKE SAYING

THAT THE <RHO> HAD SET FREE

THE CAPTIVE, LEORA LAUNIA.

BUT A PERSON OF YOUR BRILLIANCE, WHO STANDS AT THE HELM OF THE <RHO>,

WOULD NEVER COMMIT SUCH AN UNSIGHTLY ERROR, CORRECT?

OF COURSE.

I SEE.

THAT'S GOOD, THEN.

REALLY? BUT WOULDN'T IT BE

MORE CONVENIENT FOR YOU IF A PROBLEM DID OCCUR?

IT'D BE TROUBLING IF ANY PROBLEMS WERE TO OCCUR.

THE REPRE-SENTATIVE BATTLES ARE AN IMPORTANT EVENT LEFT TO THE STUDENT COUNCIL TO COORDINATE BY THE SCHOOL'S BOARD OF TRUSTEES

IS THE JOB OF THE <RHO>.

SAFETY MANAGE-MENT...

ANYWAY,

EVEN IF SOMETHING WERE TO HAPPEN...

THAT'S ENOUGH, FELICE.

DID YOU THINK WE WOULDN'T KNOW ABOUT [redacted]?!

YOU HAVE SOME NERVE SAYING THAT...!

PERHAPS YOU SHOULD DO A BETTER JOB IN DISCIPLINING YOUR PET.

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IF I WANTED ONE WHO COULD JUST STAND,

I COULD GET MYSELF A PILLAR.

THERE'S NO NEED.

LEND HIM TO ME FOR ONE NIGHT, AND I'LL TURN HIM INTO THE MOST FAITHFUL DOG FOR YOU.

IT APPEARS THAT HE LACKS DISCIPLINE.

I'M SORRY TO HAVE DISTURBED YOU.

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SHE HAS A SHARP NOSE, AS WELL.

THAT WOMAN IS AS DESPICABLE AS EVER.

IN THE PAST OR FUTURE,

BRAD WHITE WILL NEVER CROSS PATHS WITH US.

THERE'S NO NEED TO WORRY,

LADY VIVI.

.....

HMM? I'VE NEVER HEARD OF SUCH A PERSON.

I know, right~?

ROBERT?

HEY,

WHO IS BRAD WHITE?

WHY ARE JEALOUS WOMEN SO UGLY?

ARE YOU SURE THAT WAS ALL RIGHT?

MY GUESS IS THAT VIVI

.....

WANTS TO OPEN THE THIRTEENTH GATE

BY USING SATO TAKE-TORA...

MY BROTHER ALWAYS TREATS ME LIKE A KID.

SHEESH.

WELL ...

I KNOW THAT, BUT...

THAT JUST SHOWS HOW MUCH HE CARES FOR YOU.

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I UNDER-STAND WHY HE'S OVERPRO-TECTIVE OF YOU, THOUGH.

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HAH...

BUT...

I'D WANT TO PROTECT YOU TOO.

IF YOU WERE MY LITTLE SISTER,

.....?

I THINK THE PERSON THAT MY BROTHER REALLY WANTS TO PROTECT

IS STILL TSUBAKI-SAN.

I'VE FELT THIS WAY.

AND I WAS BE PLACED IN THE CUSTODY OF MY BROTHER'S HOUSE,

EVER SINCE THE ACCIDENT AT THE <MONUMENT> WHERE I LOST MY PARENTS

TEN YEARS AGO...

HAVING COME BACK TO THE ISLAND,

I DON'T INTEND ON AVOID NG WHAT HAPPENED TO MY OLDER SISTER...

SAKURA-SAN...

AH...

SORRY...

NO,

IT'S OKAY.

HE DID REMEMBER HIS PROMISE WITH ME...

BUT EVEN NOW...

HE'S STILL...

He probably remembers the promise with my older sister as well...

HE'S SURPRISINGLY SIMPLE-MINDED, ISN'T HE...

THAT MAKES ME JEALOUS.

I COULDN'T BECOME A REPLACE-MENT FOR TSUBAKI-SAN

.....

I TRIED TO FILL THE GAP A LITTLE, BUT I...

EH?

BUT... I LOOK EXACTLY LIKE MY SISTER, RIGHT?

AFTER LOSING MY SISTER IN THAT ACCIDENT TEN YEARS AGO, TORA NEEDED SOMEONE TO STAY BY HIS SIDE...

SO I COULDN'T BE WITH HIM...

IS THAT WHY YOU LEFT THE ISLAND?

I GOT SO TIRED OF IT...

AND HE'D MAKE THIS "OOPS" LOOK ON HIS FACE...

HALF THE TIME

TORA WOULD CALL ME "TSUBAKI,"

BUT WHEN THEY SUGGESTED MOVING TO JAPAN, I D DN'T OPPOSE THE IDEA.

IT WAS BECAUSE OF MY PARENTS, OF COURSE,

I NEVER...

.....

TEN YEARS ...

I BET...

THAT'S ALL BECAUSE YOU WERE THERE.

SATO KOTORI, IT'S YOUR TURN SOON.

AND NOW TORA NO LONGER MISTAKES ME FOR MY SISTER...

YES, COMING ...

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YOU...

WHAT DO YOU WANT?

WELL, FROM YOUR POINT OF VIEW, I GUESS I'D BE THE BAD GUY.

I SEE...

IN THAT CASE...

THERE'S NO NEED TO HOLD BACK, RIGHT?

KOTORI-CHAN, STAY BACK.

?

SAKURA-SAN... I, TOO...

=ハッ!!..

AM A STUDENT OF THIS SCHOOL.

FORMATION OF THE CUTE GIRL TAG TEAM!
NEXT CHAPTER, THE OPENING OF A MAGNIFICENT BATTLE?

THIS IS TRULY FANTAS-TIC...

PLEASE, RESIST WITH ALL THAT YOU'VE GOT.

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